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Veteran's Day Assembly Announcement

Beal City Public Schools will be hosting a Veterans' Day Ceremony to honor veterans and present members from each branch of the US Military. If you are a veteran or a current member of the US Military, please attend the Veterans' Day Ceremony that will be held in the Beal City Public School big gymnasium starting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 11, 2014. The whole program will last about 45 minutes to an hour. The entire community is invited and if you know of someone who is a veteran or a member of the US Military please let them know about the ceremony. It would be nice to have a large crowd attend this event to honor those who have served and fought and those that are serving and fighting for our country today to preserve our way of life here in the USA.

If you are a Veteran or a member of the US Military and would like to be included in our power point presentation please drop off a military picture and include your years of service, information on where you were stationed, your rank, and the duties you preformed.

After the Ceremony we will have a luncheon in the Media Center for all of the veterans and their spouses. Please call 989-644-3901 to make a reservation.



Staff Member of the Month

The Beal City Board of Education, in appreciation of the hard work that is done by all staff members of Beal City Public Schools, would like to honor a staff member each month for their service to the students and community of Beal City. This month's honoree is Veena Cole.

We are extremely thankful for Mrs. Cole's hard work and all of her extra efforts that she puts in day after day. The love and help that she gives to each student helps them be prepared in every aspect of being successful in school. Veena goes the extra mile with all of her students and her extra efforts do not go unnoticed. Thank you Mrs. Cole for ALL your hard work.

Winter Clothing

It's that time of year again! Now that colder temperatures have finally arrived, we wanted to remind parents of our "Seasonal Clothing" policy, in the Elementary Parent/Student Handbook. When the temperature is 41 – 50 degrees, coats or sweatshirts are necessary. In addition, at 40 degrees or below, boots, gloves and hats are required for all grades, and students in K-4th grade have to wear snowpants. If a student comes to school unprepared to go outside, he/she will receive a warning the first time, and remain on the blacktop. If cold weather clothing is forgotten more than one time, students will have to stand against the wall or serve lunch detention. At all times, best judgment in accordance with weather conditions is expected. Remember, it could be warm in the morning and cool off throughout the day. It's better to pack the extra winter gear than to be caught without it when the weather turns.

JH Boys Basketball

Mon. Nov. 3	6:00 p.m.	McBain
Thurs. Nov. 6	5:00 p.m.	@Lake City
Mon. Nov. 10	6:00 p.m.	Manton
Thurs. Nov. 13	6:00 p.m.	@McBain NMC
Mon. Nov. 17	6:00 p.m.	Marion
Thurs. Nov. 20	6:00 p.m.	Pine River
Mon. Nov. 24	5:00 p.m.	@Evart
Tues. Nov. 25	6:00 p.m.	McBain NMC
Mon. Dec 1	6:00 p.m.	@McBain
Thurs. Dec 4	6:00 p.m.	Lake City
Mon. Dec 8	6:00 p.m.	@Manton
Mon. Dec. 15	6:00 p.m.	@Marion

Silent Raffle

The Beal City German LINKS program will be hosting a silent raffle at parent-teacher conferences. German LINKS is a foreign exchange program in which a group of students will host people from Germany in the fall of 2015, and will travel to Germany in the spring of 2016. The raffle will be hosted on November 6th during parent-teacher conferences from 8:00 a.m to 8:00 p.m. There will be a ticket booth in the lobby of the small gym where tickets will be sold to “bid” on items. All of the proceeds will go to the German LINKS program to fund a wonderful trip to Germany.

BOARD BRIEFS

The following was approved at a regular board meeting on October 20, 2014:

- General Fund payments of \$251,526.70, Hot Lunch payments of \$16,737.54, Capital Projects/ General Fund payments of \$14,680.00 and Athletic Fund payments of \$11,482.03.
- Jennifer Ames as a full time bus driver
- The Paying Agent Resolution as presented.
- The following coaching recommendations: Cam Gatrell – Varsity Boys Basketball, Larissa King – Voluntary Assistant Cheer, Kyle Gross – Voluntary Assistant Boys Basketball, Susan Frederiksen – Voluntary Assistant Volleyball, and Tim Taylor – Voluntary Assistant Boys Basketball. The following coaches are being recommended through PCMI: John Hoyle – JV Boys Basketball, Todd Schafer – Freshman Basketball, Clayton Comstock – 7th Gr. Boys Basketball, Jordan Garcia – 8th Gr Girls Basketball and Erika Little – Sideline Cheer.

To locate the Beal City Board of Education agenda and minutes from the monthly Board meetings, please see the Beal City website. Click on District Info, Board of Education, then click on the Board of Education on the left hand side to receive a menu. From there click on Meeting.

Dear Parents,

Your child has access to Method Test Prep, an online course that helps students improve their SAT and ACT scores as well as builds their math, reading and writing skills.

Students can listen to math, verbal and writing tutorials and each tutorial is accompanied by a quiz to test student mastery. The program is highly adaptive and keeps track of a student's strengths and weaknesses. Students have access to a large pool of practice questions and receive instant feedback upon completion of each question. This feedback includes easy-to-understand explanations.

Students and parents have seen measurable progress when using Method Test Prep. Method Test Prep uses proven strategies that are clear and easy to understand for any type of learner. Method Test Prep is interactive and time efficient. By using internet technology, students are more engaged and their time is focused on areas in need of improvement.

Method Test Prep is a good fit for any type of student. The website can be accessed at any time of day or night most convenient to the student. Method Test Prep is designed to be used independently or as a supplement to other SAT or ACT prep.

Sincerely,

Tom Ehlers
President
Method Test Prep

Career Cruising

We have exciting news at Beal City Schools! Thanks to the Beal City Education Foundation, you and your student(s) have access to three amazing tools to enhance your son or daughter's education and future.

Career Cruising is an Internet-based career exploration and planning tool that allows students to explore career and college options and develop a career plan. It can be accessed from school, from home, or wherever your son or daughter has access to the Internet. Features of the program include assessment tools to help your child identify his or her career interests, skills, abilities, and learning styles; thorough and up-to-date information about hundreds of occupations; interviews with real people in each occupation; comprehensive college and financial aid information with tools to help you and your child find the right college as well as scholarships; and advice for all stages of the job search process.

ccPathfinder enables students to build a personalized course plan, designed to help them meet graduation requirements, and put them on the right path for post-secondary and career readiness.

With ccPathfinder, students and parents can view critical information online, including student's individual course history, the school's course information, including pre-requisites, as well as graduation tracking and recommended courses.

The third component is **Method Test Prep**, an online course that helps students improve their SAT and ACT scores as well as builds their math, reading and writing skills.

Students can listen to math, verbal and writing tutorials and each tutorial is accompanied by a quiz to test student mastery. The program is highly adaptive and keeps track of a student's strengths and weaknesses. With access to a large pool of practice questions and instant feedback upon completion of each question, students can tailor their efforts to maximize their learning and increase their ACT or SAT scores. Higher ACT or SAT scores bring increased opportunities: they are used in figuring class ranking, scholarship awards, and college entrance.

Students can access these tools through the Beal City Public Schools website at www.bealcityschools.net and click on the Resources Tab. Parents can view the information each child has stored in his or her EDP, learn more about the careers and schools that each child is interested in, and communicate with a career advisor through the Parent Portal. To register for your Parent Portal account, go to www.careercruising.com/Parent and enter your activation code. To receive an activation code, please contact your child's career advisor.



Kindergarten Field Trip

On Thursday, October 16th both kindergarten classes took a field trip to Anderson & Girls. We were grateful that the rain held off so we could enjoy our day. We learned all about how apples are picked, sorted, and made into apple cider! The students took a tractor ride to the orchard and fields where they were able to pick an apple off the tree and a gourd from the field. They also had the opportunity to try a homemade donut and cider! Students fed the goats and checked out other animals that were housed at the orchard. A BIG THANK YOU to the parents and grandparents that joined us as chaperones!



The Nottawa Sherman Fire Department made a special visit to the kindergarten classes during fire prevention week. They brought all their gear and talked about fire safety with the students. Students were even able to try on fire jackets, look at the fire trucks, and each student was given the opportunity to spray the fire hose! A BIG THANK YOU to the fire department for spending the afternoon educating us on fire safety!



Mrs. Smith's and Ms. Deters' 2nd grade students and their High School PALS from Ms. Spry's class, had a great time creating and building their float for this year's Homecoming parade. The students were so excited to be participating in such a school-wide event. We would like to thank John and Esther Haupt for the use of their wagon and barn. Also, Andy Keehbauch and Harold Johnson for taking time to pull us through the parade!

The PALS have also been busy getting ready for Halloween! The last two weeks the students have had the opportunity to paint pumpkins together. The 2nd graders chose what face they wanted to paint and the High school students helped them get it done! End result...adorable pumpkins!



Elementary SEPTEMBER Students' of the Month

Back Row Left to Right, Khloe Wilson (2nd Grade) daughter of Craig and Tami Wilson, Rachel Gross (4th Grade) daughter of David and Lori Gross, Olivia Wood (5th Grade) daughter of Christopher and Becky Wood, and Abby Bass (6th Grade) daughter of Gene and Carrie Bass. Front Row Left to Right, Madison Calkins (3rd Grade) daughter of Raymond and Lori Calkins and Emma Block (Kindergarten) daughter of Rich and Becky Block. Missing from picture is Kendall Markert (1st Grade) daughter of Nicole Bouchard.

Beal City Education Foundation Needs You!!

Dear Beal City Community, Sponsors and Other Supporters,

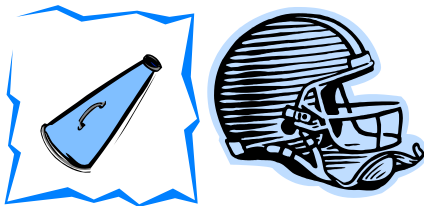
Do you want to support the academic careers of Beal City students?

If you are interested in supporting the academic success of Beal City Public School students, please consider joining the Beal City Education Foundation. Our charge is to enrich the academic career of Beal City students by providing scholarships and student enrichment grants. The BCEF is an advisory board of Beal City Community members. It was established in 2009 and while it is affiliated with the Mount Pleasant Area Community Foundation, it is for the sole benefit of Beal City Public School students.

To date, the BCEF has provided five student scholarships ranging from \$200 to \$500 and 10 student enrichment grants that improve the lives of hundreds of students each year. This doesn't happen unless people like yourself are willing to volunteer. If you would like to help our students be successful by volunteering feel free to reach out to any of the board members: Bill Bellinger, Bill Chilman, Yvonne Fox, Rod Freeze, Terry Hutchinson, Cay Marchiando, Denise McBride, Dave Moore, Joyce Schafer, Ron Schafer and Cindy Schumacher. Our students are counting on us!

Beal City Varsity football players and cheerleaders read to kids....

Stressing the importance of being great role models for the elementary age students in our community, the Beal City Varsity Football players and cheerleaders gave their time on Friday, October 10th, during the Homecoming festivities to read to the Kindergartens, First, Second, Third and Fourth grade students at St. Joseph the Worker and Mayes Elementary. They stressed the importance of reading & education, being in school, being a good role model and setting good examples. They also enjoyed a little treat. This is a good way for the players and cheerleaders to give back and thank their community for all the support they give to Beal City Football.



Thank You!

The Elementary Staff would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Maier from the Maier Funeral Home in Weidman, for their generous donation of candy for the teachers to throw during the Homecoming parade. We appreciate their continued support of our students and community!

Can Drive

The Beal City German LINKS will be sponsoring a can drive to help support the local Isabella County Soup Kitchen. Students K-12 are encouraged to donate non-perishable food items; each class will be competing to win an ice-cream party. The drive will start on November 10th and end November 21st. Students will be able to track their class' progress daily in the cafeteria. Please join us in supporting the Isabella County Soup Kitchen.

BEAL CITY FAMILY FLU CLINIC

Central Michigan District Health Department will be holding a Family Flu Clinic at Beal City High School on Wednesday, November 5th from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Centers for Disease Control recommends yearly flu vaccination for everyone 6 months of age and older. Influenza disease (Flu) results in an average of 40,000 deaths and 200,000 hospitalizations every year. In addition, 20,000 children under five years of age are hospitalized in the United States every year. Infants younger than six months of age depend on vaccinated family members and care givers to protect them against flu disease, since they are too young to be vaccinated. While flu may not be a severe illness for many, some people are at higher risk for complications from the flu such as diabetics, pregnant women, children under the age of 5, persons with chronic medical conditions, and those with immune system disorders.

Central Michigan District Health Department bills private insurances, Medicare and Medicaid. For persons paying with cash, check or credit card the cost of the vaccine this year is \$45.00, but a sliding fee scale may apply that is dependent upon income and family size, thus reducing the overall cost.

So make a healthy choice this year and protect those you love and GET A FLU SHOT! In fact, bring the family and protect them all!

Dear Beal City Community, Sponsors and Other Supporters,

The Beal City Education Foundation (BCEF) advisory board thanks you for your support. Our “Rock the Foundation Homecoming Celebration” was a huge success. Congratulations to Diane Recker, Kris Moore and Elaine Andres for each winning a TV. Congratulations is also in order for raffle table winners of Amy Steffke, Ken Gross, Julie Freeze, Martha Zuehlke and Cindy Schumacher and 50/50 winner Phil Gross. But, the biggest winners of the night were our Beal City School students!

With the community’s generosity, we raised approximately \$5,500, which will be deposited into the endowment fund and get us one step closer to our goal of providing a scholarship to every graduating senior and multiple enrichment grants that enhance the educational experience of Beal City Public School students.

Each spring graduating seniors are invited to apply for the scholarships and teachers and staff are encouraged to submit enrichment grant proposals. To date, the BCEF has provided five student scholarships ranging from \$200 to \$500 and 10 student enrichment grants that improve the lives of hundreds of students each year. This past year, after reviewing some great scholarship applications, we provided Anna Reihl with a \$500 scholarship. We also funded 3 student enrichment grants that will enhance the educational experience of a majority of our students. One of the grants will provide ACT preparation resources to Beal City students leading to higher ACT scores, which in turn will lead to more scholarship money granted from the colleges and universities.

We could not do this without your support! Thank you once again and we look forward to next year’s Homecoming Celebration.

Beal City Education Foundation Advisory Board

PS. If you were unable to attend the celebration but would like to make a donation, all you have to do is make your check out to MPACF – Beal City and mail it to Mount Pleasant Area Community Foundation, 306 S. University St., Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

BEAL CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Your gift in support of the Beal City Public Schools Education Foundation, an endowed fund of the Mt. Pleasant Area Community Foundation, will provide support to Beal City Public Schools for the pursuit of educational excellence.

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_____ 2014	_____ 2015	_____ 2016

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Thank You!

Recognition _____

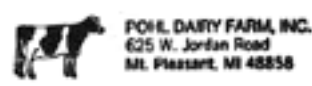
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For more information, please contact Mr. William Chilman at the Superintendent's Office
989-644-3901 or email wchilman@edzone.net

Watch for more information at www.bealcityschools.net

Tax credits are available - Please see your accountant for more information

Please help us in thanking the following sponsors



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Holiday Music Program

Mark your calendars now for the annual Mayes Elementary Holiday Program to be held on Friday, December 12th at 1:00 p.m. in the small gym. The Senior Citizens Reception will take place in the gym before the program at 12:30 p.m. All families and community members are invited to attend.

Beal City Jr/Sr High School Parent Teacher Conference Information

Thursday, November 6, 2014

8:00– 11:30 a.m. in the Teacher's Classrooms

12:30 -3:00 p.m. in the Teacher's Classrooms

5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Small Gymnasium

Report Cards & Class Schedules will be distributed to parents/guardians

Tips for Successful Parent-Teacher Conferences

- Remember, parents and family members are the most important teachers, support your son/daughter's education through encouragement and goal setting.
- Ask teachers what types of things you can do at home to support your son/daughter's education.
- Review your son/daughter's work, grades and progress reports prior to the conference so you can address any questions or concerns about your son/daughter's progress with their teacher.
- Talk to your son/daughter before and after the conferences about their progress in school.
- Think about how you are involved or would like to be involved in your son/daughter's education, so you can discuss this with the teacher.
- Determine your son/daughter's strengths and weaknesses to share with teachers, this can help teachers understand how your student learns best.
- If you can't be at the conference, schedule a time to meet or send an email to get information about how your son/daughter is doing in each class.



School Breakfast - Good for Kids and Good for Parents!

For parents with busy schedules, it can be hard to make sure that kids are eating a healthy breakfast before they go to school in the morning.

Sometimes children aren't hungry right after waking up, and it's hard to find food they like to eat that is also healthy. Also, some kids refuse breakfast at home but are hungry when they arrive at school. At school, we have a great breakfast program for all students.

Student lunch accounts

We currently have two on line payment systems available for your use: Sendmoneytoschool.com and e-funds for schools. Both can be accessed from our website: www.bealcityschools.net. We encourage the use of Sendmoneytoschool.com for the student lunch/breakfast accounts. In addition to adding money to your students lunch account you can view what is being purchased, check balances, and put parental controls on the account all in one stop! It is a very user friendly site and all you need is the students ID, which is your Powerschool Parent ID number or your student's AR number that they use in the library. **EVEN IF YOU DON'T WANT TO PAY ON LINE** it is a great way for you to keep track of purchases and balances. E-funds for schools should be used to make online payments for all other school activities such as student participation fees, drivers education, etc. Go to our website at www.bealcityschools.net to get to the link for both sendmoneytoschool.com and e-funds for schools.

November 2014

Beal City Schools Breakfast Menu

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

3 assorted pop tarts,cereal, nutrigrain bars, muffins and yogurt. Plus, cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk	4 assorted pop tarts,cereal, nutrigrain bars, muffins and yogurt. Plus, cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk	5 assorted pop tarts,cereal nutrigrain bars, muffins and yogurt. Plus, cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk	6 No School	7 assorted pop tarts,cereal, nutrigrain bars, muffins and yogurt. Plus, cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk
10 assorted pop tarts,cereal, nutrigrain bars, muffins and yogurt. Plus, cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk	11 assorted pop tarts,cereal, nutrigrain bars, muffins and yogurt. Plus, cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk	12 assorted pop tarts,cereal, nutrigrain bars, muffins and yogurt. Plus, cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk	13 assorted pop tarts,cereal, nutrigrain bars, muffins and yogurt. Plus, cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk	14 assorted pop tarts,cereal, nutrigrain bars, muffins and yogurt. Plus, cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk ^a
17 assorted pop tarts,cereal, nutrigrain bars, muffins and yogurt. Plus, cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk	18 assorted pop tarts,cereal nutrigrain bars, muffins, and yogurt. Plus, cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk	19 assorted pop tarts,cereal, nutrigrain bars, muffins and yogurt. Plus, cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk	20 assorted pop tarts,cereal, nutrigrain bars, muffins and yogurt. Plus, cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk	21 assorted pop tarts,cereal, nutrigrain bars, muffins and yogurt. Plus, cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk
24 assorted pop tarts,cereal, nutrigrain bars, muffins and yogurt. Plus, cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk	25 assorted pop tarts,cereal, nutrigrain bars, muffins and yogurt. Plus, cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk	26 assorted pop tarts,cereal, nutrigrain bars, muffins and yogurt. Plus, cheese stick, fruit, juice and milk	27 No School	28 No School

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**All bread items
are whole grain!**

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Beal City Schools Lunch Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 wg popcorn chicken w/wg dinner roll, green beans, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Monday option: wg corn dog nuggets	4 wg maple flavored waffle, hash brown, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Tuesday option: wg breakfast pizza	5 Chicken Patty w/wg bun, sweet potato fries, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Wednesday option: hamburger/wg bun	6 No School	7 nachos chips/cheese/meat, refried beans, garden bar, fruit, and milk Friday option: wg cheese pizza
10 sloppy jo w/wg bun, celery, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Monday option: wg corn dog nuggets	11 macaroni and cheese, cooked carrots, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Tuesday option: wg breakfast pizza	12 twisty chicken alfredo, wg garlic breadstick, broccoli, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Wednesday option: hamburger/wg bun	13 scalloped potatoes/ham, dinner roll, corn, cookie, fruit, juice and milk Thursday option: wg chicken nuggets/wg dinner roll	14 taco w/ wg tortilla shell, refried beans, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Friday option: wg Calzone w/pepperoni
17 tangerine chicken w/wg rice, stir fry vegetables, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Monday option: wg corn dog nuggets	18 chili, wg cheez- its, (slice wg bread for HS) broccoli, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Tuesday option: wg breakfast pizza	19 Salisbury steak w/mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, wg bread, garden bar, fruit juice and milk Wednesday option: hamburger/wg bun	20 hog dog w/wg bun, sweet potato fries, garden bar, fruit juice and milk Thursday option: wg chicken nuggets/wg breadstick	21 wg chicken quesadilla, refried beans, garden bar, fruit juice and milk Friday option: wg cheese pizza
24 wg popcorn chicken w/wg dinner roll, green beans, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Monday option: wg corn dog nuggets	25 wg maple flavored waffle, hash brown, garden bar, fruit, juice and milk Tuesday option: wg breakfast pizza	26 Thanksgiving Dinner hot turkey sandwich (wg bread) with mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, stuffing, fruit juice and milk NO Daily option today	27 No School	28 No School

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Happy Turkey Day!



Getting Started

Creating a new account

Part 1:

1. Go to www.SendMoneyToSchool.com
2. Click on Create a new account
3. Provide requested information
4. Once you have read and agree with the terms of use click the I agree check box
5. Click the Create Account button
6. A confirmation email will be sent to you

Part 2:

7. Check your email
8. Click the provided link
9. Enter your email and password
10. Click the Login button
11. Start typing the name of your school district
12. When you district is displayed click on it
13. Click on the Add a student to your account button
14. Enter the student's ID number and click continue
15. If the ID number is valid you will be asked for your child's first name, last name and birthday
16. Once entered click the Add Student button
17. To add additional students click the Add a student to your account button again

Viewing Balances and Activity

1. Go to www.SendMoneyToSchool.com
2. Sign in to your account
3. All students assigned to this account will be displayed with their balances
4. To view history click the View Activity button next to the student's name

Making A Deposit

1. Go to www.SendMoneyToSchool.com
2. Sign in to your account
3. Click the Make A Deposit button
4. Enter the amount you wish to deposit for each student
5. Click the Check Out button

Purchasing Items

1. Go to www.SendMoneyToSchool.com
2. Sign in to your account
3. Click on School Store from the menu
4. Select a department
5. Click on the item you wish to purchase
6. Enter the quantity
7. Click the Add To Cart button
8. When done click the Check Out button

Viewing Past Account Activity and Charges

1. Go to www.SendMoneyToSchool.com
2. Sign in to your account
3. Click on Your Account from the menu
4. History will be displayed





**The Beal City Sports Boosters would like to
thank those who bought tickets for the
Homecoming Pie-in-the Face Fundraiser!**



Ms. Spry



Mr. Chilman



Mr. Fletcher



Mr. Jackson



Mr. Leppert



Coach Antcliff



The Sports Boosters would also like to thank those who donated
to our program in memory of Mary Ann "Susie" Straus

Where Are They Now? AJ Yuncker

In 1985, Co-Valedictorian, AJ Yuncker graduated from Beal City High School with many outstanding accomplishments. He not only had a 4.0 GPA, but placed first in the Nation in Business Math at a competition in Houston, Texas. AJ was captain of both the baseball and football teams and set school records for pull-ups (37) and sit-ups (4050). AJ said after his amazing sit-up accomplishment, "I would have done a few thousand more, but my calves cramped up." "Not sure if we had Gatorade back then."

AJ said of his experiences in Beal City, "The older I get, the more I appreciate having grown up in Beal City and going to BCHS. The combination of teachers that truly care about the students and great athletic programs are perfect for youth. I remember the name of every teacher I ever had at Beal. I honestly can only remember the name of one professor I had at the University of Michigan." He also said, "The opportunity to play multiple varsity sports on a competitive level is nothing to take for granted! In my senior year at Beal we won the 10th and 7th consecutive conference championships in football and baseball, respectively. We actually felt like failures because we didn't win state championships. It wasn't until 15 years after graduation that I began to appreciate what we actually accomplished in those two sports. When I get together with my friends from high school, we still talk about the games like it was yesterday."

After graduating from Beal City High School, AJ went on to be a 4.0 student at the University of Michigan, with 40% of his grades being A+. He graduated with a degree in Business Administration in 1989 at the age of 21. Even though he graduated Phi Beta Kappa and Beta Gamma Sigma, AJ says, "College wasn't as fun as going to high school in Beal City!"

AJ and his wife, Colleen, have two daughters – Savanna (12) and Annika (6), both of whom "have the Beal City winning spirit. Both love to win and have fun (somehow those things go together)." AJ spends most of his free-time coaching Savanna's softball team and working with both daughters in their indoor batting cages with a pitching machine.

AJ has lived in Traverse City since 1996 and in 2001 founded Natural Gas Compression Systems, of which, he is Chairman, CEO and President. NGCS fabricates, sells, leases and services the equipment that takes low pressure natural gas from wells and compresses it to the point where customers can move it through a pipeline to sell. It is headquartered in Traverse City, they fabricate equipment in Traverse City and have rental and field service operations in 15 states. They are now the 6th largest company in the world that does what they do and the 2nd largest privately held company in the world that is in their business. AJ says of his company, "we are a very capital intensive business, so we needed to raise a few million dollars to be viable. I have 44 original shareholders that founded NGCS. They have received more than 13 times their original investment and still have their ownership in the company. I am very proud of NGCS's success for our employees and shareholders. However, I am more proud of being a Beal City Aggie than anything else in my life!" –Go Blue

Elementary Calendar of Events

November 3	PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm-Media Center
November 3-7	Book Fair
November 6	Parent Teacher Conferences, No School for Students/Book Fair
November 8	Apple Pie Fundraiser (Volunteers – 7am-12pm & pick-up 10am-12pm)
November 10-19	Holiday Wreath Orders
November 19	Elementary School Picture Retakes
November 24	Project PALS Thanksgiving Dinner
November 25	Holiday Wreath Pick-up (2:30pm-6:00pm)
November 26	Holiday Wreath Pick-up (2:30pm-4:00pm)
November 27 & 28	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 12	Holiday Program and Senior Citizen Reception

5 Key Tips to Avoid Being a Bully Bystander.



1. Be a Friend.

Sometimes **simply being nice to someone who is being bullied is helpful**. Letting them know that you do not agree with it and asking if there is anything you can do lets them know that someone cares. Encouraging them to,

2. Talk to an adult.

Talk to an adult is also being a friend. If this is not something that they feel comfortable with then as a friend you should **find an adult you trust to handle the situation before it gets worse**. If there is no adult around and the situation seems to escalate then you can,

3. Assist with an Escape.

Create a distraction so that the attention is off of the bully. **If the bully doesn't have the needed audience then there's no reason to go on**. Only intervene on bullying situations when it is safe to do so. And do not intervene through the use of violence. This only escalates the situation and a bystander should be able to,

4. Set a Good Example.

Be a leader to those around you. Encourage them about the negative effects of bullying and actively participate in anti-bullying projects and initiatives. **Promote the motto of respecting individuality and giving awareness to cultivating a bullyFREE culture**. And again, the number one thing you can do to prevent being a Bully Bystander is

5. Don't Be an Audience.

Prevent the fire before it starts.